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To the Director of Public Instruction

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No 3515

Office of the Director of Public Instruction
Bangalore 25th February 1876

From

The Director of Public Instruction
Mysore & Coorg

To

The Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner of Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to report, as requested, on the several questions referred to in Order No 9016-Edl 10 on Chief Commissioners Proceedings of the 30th November last and should have done so earlier but for delay, owing to Christmas holidays, in obtaining replies from schools in the Districts

2 With reference to para 1, I think that due provision for instruction at the Central College to the standard of the B A degree is all that is more immediately required For this purpose a Principal and assistant Principal, as proposed, with a competent staff of subordinate masters, will, it is believed, provide means quite equal to what is found sufficient at a somewhat similar institution at Combaconum At the same time I am much in favor of courses of lectures on special lines of study, not necessarily confined to the subjects of the University curriculum

curriculum, and had verbally proposed this when I discussing with Mr Wellesley the arrangements submitted for the formation of the Central College, but he was of opinion that nothing could be done for want of competent Lecturers The new vice Principal applied for will, it is expected, be specially qualified to lecture on Natural Philosophy It was also intended I believe that Mr Harman, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm, should lecture on Agricultural Chemistry or kindred topics Lectures of this nature would be popular, and highly appreciated by native students and others, as is evident from the attendance at a course delivered in the London American Institution by the Revd Mr Wallace These lectures however were free

3 The formation of an Anglo Vernacular primary school, as proposed in para 3, composed of the lower classes of the High school, could be effected without much difficulty, but the proceeds of Local Funds are pledged to the support of Village schools to such an extent that I fear provision for the charge of such an institution can hardly be made from that source From Municipal Funds nothing has hitherto been received for education and I am not aware what prospect there is of an allotment from such funds The present cost of the classes referred to and of the practising class, charged under Normal school, which takes the place of the lowest, is Rs 180 a month

A separate Head Master and establishment as contemplated would probably bring the cost to Rs 300/ a month The number of pupils is a little over 300 and their fees, therefore, at 8as a head according to the new scale, would return half the amount

4 - Due attention will be given to the directions contained in paras 4 to 8 The provision for scholarships has already been redistributed by me. the basis of carrying on deserving boys who manifest superior ability to higher schools with the view of continuing their studies With reference to the school curriculum, I regret that the orders have not yet been received giving effect to the recommendations of the Committee appointed to report on the school books in use in the Province, which we were led to expect from para 3 of Government of India letter No 46 Home Department (Education) of the 13th April/ I have done what was possible independently to improve some of the books, but my hands are too full to undertake the work systematically, as stated to Sir Richard Meade when he proposed to nominate me for the purpose

5 I beg lastly to notice the question of school hours, noted in para 9 The present school hours had their origin I believe in the practice of mission schools which preceded those established by Government They certain

afford an opportunity to some young men in Government employ of attending the College classes, but such students are rarely the most hopeful and the time has not been arranged with a view to their interests On the contrary, our hours appear to be maintained because they commend themselves to the habits of the people no less than to the convenience of the masters Thus was the view taken by Wm Bourne when I proposed a change some years ago, as will be seen from the following quotation from Secretarys letter, General No 1232/Edg of the 25th July 1864 "The Commissioners does not see that much will be gained by prescribing new hours of study in lieu of those which recommend themselves to the people of the Province Mr Bourne's own experience is that twice as much work can be got out of people in the morning as in the middle of the day, while the tendency of modern education appears to be rather to abridge than to increase the number of hours of study, trusting to the system more than to the time occupied in teaching to develope the intellect of the scholar" An attempt was indeed made, once, on one if not two occasions, to change the hours at the High school, but each time nearly half the boys left and the old hours were resumed 6 I have now obtained an opinion from the principal Government and mission schools and they are with scarcely a dissentient voice opposed to any

change

change These who are inclined to consider it theoretically advisable feel that its unpopularity would make it impracticable unless all Government and Mission or other private schools were to make the change simultaneously But managers of the latter would probably not consent to change at all, and only one has suggested, merely as a mode of compromise that the present hours should continue during the former half of the year and the proposed change be introduced for the colder months of the second half On the whole I think that, so far as masters and pupils are concerned there is not only no desire that the present hours should be changed but a strong feeling against it It is possible that some parents may take a different view but not a word of complaint has ever to my knowledge been received Under these circumstances I venture to submit that it scarcely seems desirable further to agitate the question

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant
L. Rice
Director of Public Instruction
Mysore & Coorg

Read Letter & No 3515 of the
25th February 76 from the
Director of Public Instruc-
tion

No 482
Ed. C.
Dated 29th April 76

Order Thereon

The Director of Public
Instruction is requested
to report, how many of
the students in the Central
College classes are in
Govt employ and
how many
are in the practice of
attending Govt offices
as Volunteers

W. Secretary

The Director of Public
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To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
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No 400

Office of the Director of Public Instruction
Bangalore 1 May 1876

From

The Director of Public Instruction

Mysore

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner

of Mysore

Sir,

In reply to your docket No 4882/1508 of the 19 Ultimo, I have the honor to state that four students of the F A Class in the Central College, are in Government employ, and the same number in the two F A classes Two students of the Matriculation class, are reported to be attending offices as volunteers

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

[signature]

Director of Public Instruction

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Letter No 3515 of 25th Feb/76 from the Director of Public Instruction —

Dated 20th September 1876 —

Order thereon —

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In reply to 7516 of 30
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Nov 1875, I beg ~~to~~ the
Comm ~~desire~~ to remark
that the formation of an Anglo
Vernacular Primary School
as the latest of those
kind denotes the first
practical ~~step~~ attempt to
introduce evening classes for
giving ~~the~~ students
the M A degree, a course of
lectures & evening classes
~~have been established~~
for instruction in Law & History
Philosophy & Political
Economy ~~might be established~~
at the College — The Comm
think that ~~it would be~~
~~desirable that the~~ a Gentleman
~~of~~ a Barrister
~~should be appointed~~
~~to~~ the Principal ~~of~~
the College should
give practical & popular
instruction in evening classes for
a special course of studies
but in case of a Vice Principal
being appointed the Comm
have no objection
to sanction

the ~~Head Commissioner~~
~~recommends~~ that a special
course of lectures for
evening classes in connection
with the Central College,
may be opened on the
appointment of the
Vice Principal which
has been recommended
by the Secretary of State

2 In regard to the
formation of an Anglo
Vernacular Primary
School, ~~the Director of~~
~~Public Instruction~~ is
~~informed~~ that no con-
tribution can be
made

made from the ~~Municipal~~ Bangalore Municipality, funds, as the proposed Establishment of a general Hospital for the Pettah and a Lying in Hospital at Bangalore will ~~absorb~~ absorb all that can be ~~expected by the Municipality~~ expected from the Municipality from the grant recently made, in Chief Comm's Prop No. $\frac{2327}{R\ 40}$ dy 8th June 1876 the Municipal Commissioners are moreover of opinion that the funds recently placed at their disposal cannot be more appropriately devoted than towards the maintenance of institutions of a purely charitable

character ~~under the~~
~~circumstances, to~~
~~address to Mr Saunders~~
~~that~~ the charges connected
with the establishment
and maintenance of
~~the~~ a Primary School
at the Central Camp ~~must~~ shall be
~~therefore~~ ~~undoubtedly~~ be
defrayed from the
Educational allotment
of the Local Cess Fund
as soon as the means
at the disposal of
that Fund admit

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15-9-76

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